

Huckleberry Elementary School Activities

The Wizard's School of Magic Students in grades 1 – 4 will learn five magic tricks from Tom O'Brien, a full-time professional magician, whose credits also include appearances on the Fox 61 Morning Show and WFSB's Better Connecticut. Tom O'Brien is a master at his craft and is a wonderful and entertaining teacher as well. All students will receive their own magic kits containing the props necessary to perform the tricks at home, and a magic wand! Please register soon before the spaces – alakazam - disappear!

Instructor: Tom O'Brien Fee: \$15.00 each

Abracadabra - Magic Workshop 1:

Thursday 4/26, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. HHES Music Rm.

Hocus Pocus – Magic Workshop 2:

Thursday 5/17, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. HHES Music Rm.

Presto – Magic Workshop 3:

Thursday 6/7, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. HHES Music Rm.

Kids are Cooking

Students in grades 2 through 4 will enjoy making no cook and cooked foods, as well as hands on activities involving food and measurement. Some of the recipes may include: waffles and pancakes, tacos with shredded chicken, turkey sloppy joes, BLT Panini with cheese, or ice cream. We'd share others with you, but are getting too hungry as it is! Please make us aware of any food allergies or cultural restrictions when registering.

Day: Monday Time: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Session 1: 4/9, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7 (4 wks)

Session 2: 5/14, 5/21, 6/4, 6/11 (4 wks)

Day: Thursday Time: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Session 1: 4/12, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10 (4 wks)

Session 2: 5/17, 5/24, 5/31, 6/7 (4 wks)

Place: HHES Art Room Fee: \$48.00/session

Instructor: Ann Salinger

Felt Punching

Come experience the latest craze in sewing...felt punching! Using a special machine (with safety features), students in grades 2-4 will actually "punch" decorative fabrics into a base fabric to make designs. Projects will include hairbands, wallets, bracelets, wall hangings, and more. All materials are included, just bring your imagination!

Day: Monday Time: 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Dates: 4/23 – 5/21 (5 wks) Fee: \$69.00

Place: HHES – Upper Gym Instructor: Debbie Vizi

Drama

Improvisational warm-ups, vocal techniques, movement and much more go into each class as the students in grades 2 – 4 learn the "tools of the actor". Acting class teaches emotional intelligence develops focus and builds teamwork and confidence as it stretches the imagination. The last class will include an open class/performance for family and friends.

Day: Thursday Time: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Dates: 4/12 – 5/24 (6 wks) – no class 4/19

Place: HHES Music Room

Instructor: Holly Gundolfi Fee: \$41.00

New ~ Make Your Own Tutu

Do you like to dance and twirl? Making a tutu is easy and fun to do, all you need to do is tie multi-colored pre-cut tulle onto an elastic waistband using a simple knot that anyone can learn to do. You'll have tutu much fun and leave the class with your very own tutu, too!

Day: Monday Time: 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Date: 4/9 or 6/4 (1 wk) Fee: \$15.00

Place: HHES – Upper Gym Instructor: Debbie Vizi

Bowling

Each class features two games of bowling for students in grades 2 - 4. Bus transportation is provided from Huckleberry Hill School to Brookfield Lanes by school bus. When sending in a note each week to the school, please include that your child is attending bowling on bus #6. Pick-up is at Brookfield Lanes. Students may bring money with them in order to purchase a snack at the snack bar. Please note that the 3:30 p.m. start includes transportation time. Students do not arrive at Brookfield Lanes until approximately 4:15 p.m.

Day: Thursday Time: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Session 1: 4/12, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10 (4 wks)

Session 2: 5/24, 5/31, 6/7, 6/14 (4 wks)

Instructor: Dave Miller Fee: \$52.00/session

Place: Brookfield Lanes

New ~ LEGO WeDo Robotics - Soccer

With the Lego WeDo Robotics System, students in grades 2 - 4 can build and program their own robotic creations. Designed by the experts at MIT, this unique system teaches children about simple machines, engineering, computer programming and so much more. We will be building a ROBOTIC SOCCER team complete with cheering fans. Limited to 12 students.

Day: Thursday Time: 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

Dates: 4/26 – 5/24 (5 wks) Fee: \$89.00

Place: HHES Library

USTA Junior Tennis

Brookfield Parks & Recreation and the United States Tennis Association New England are forming a Jr. Team Tennis league.

USTA Jr. Team Tennis is a recreational tennis league for children ages 5–18 with some previous tennis experience. Children play on co-ed teams offering a fun and competitive environment. USTA Jr. Team Tennis allows participants (adv. beginner, intermediate and advanced) to compete with and against individuals of similar age and skill level. Teams have the opportunity to advance to state, sectional and national championship events.

The season will run June 8 through July 29 with a practice once a week and a match once a week. Three home meets will be played on Saturday afternoons on the BHS Courts and three away meets TBA in towns throughout Fairfield County. Every effort will be made to have practice on a set day and time each week time when all team members can participate.

Total fee to participate is \$102. \$65 will be paid directly to Parks & Rec at registration for coaches' fees and team t-shirt. \$37 will be paid when you register for your team online and includes USTA membership and the fee for the league. You **MUST** register with Parks and Recreation by Wednesday, May 9 in order to play.

To learn more about Jr. Team Tennis please join us for an informational meeting on Thursday, May 3, 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall. We'll be meeting in the Curriculum Room which is on the second floor and part of the Board of Education Offices.

Basic Drawing and Watercolor

Students in grades 2 – 4 will join artist Victoria Lange in learning basic drawing and watercolor techniques. Each student will receive individualized attention to be successful at their ability level, culminating with the completion of a painting. Please ask for a materials list when registering. (Materials cost is approximately \$40.00.) Bring a snack and a drink each week.

Day: Tuesday Time: 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Dates: 4/10 – 6/5 (8 wks)-no class 4/17

Place: Huckleberry Hill- Upper Gym

Instructor: Victoria Lange Fee: \$85.00

Junior Floor Hockey

Students in grades 2 - 4 will learn the basic rules of floor hockey and participate in games. All students are required to bring their own goggles.

Day: Wednesday Time: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Dates: 4/11 – 6/6 (8 wks)-no class 4/18

Place: HHES Lower Gym Fee: \$40.00

Instructor: Dave Miller

Flag Football

Students in grades 2- 4 will be introduced to the basics in this non-contact class.

Day: Tuesday Time: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Dates: 4/10 – 6/5 (8 wks)-no class 4/17

Place: HHES Lower Gym Instructor: Dave Miller

Fee: \$40.00

Ballroom for Kids Ages 7 - 10

Students ages 7 – 10 will learn basic steps in all the dances, turns and spins, and technique of the moves. Children who learn social dances increase their confidence, posture, balance and knowledge of music. Much like soccer, Ballroom Dance Competitions (DanceSport) have been very popular in Europe and Asia for decades and are now beginning to catch on in the US. Ballroom For Kids has world class instructors ready to teach your child! Students should wear leather soled shoes or ballroom dance shoes (no sneakers) and long hair needs to be worn back. Sign up with a friend to dance with or you can be paired with a partner at class.

Day: Wednesday Time: 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

Place: WMS Cafeteria Fee: \$49.00/person

Dates: 4/24 – 5/29 (6 wks)

Instructor: Galina Andracchio

French Fantastique

Now offered as a before school activity! Studies have shown that the earlier a child is exposed to a second language, the more quickly they excel. Learn French the fun way through music, colorful crafts and instruction. Students in grades 2-4 will learn about French foods, geography, famous buildings, as well as the basic greetings, alphabet, counting, colors and lots of vocabulary. Each student will receive a folder full of creative activities in French. Parents, please escort your child to Room 703 (in portables) at each class meeting.

Day: Friday Time: 7:50 – 8:40 a.m.

Dates: 4/13 – 6/8 (8 wks) –no class 4/20

Place: HHES Room 703 Fee: \$79.00

Instructor: Margee Minier

Español para Niños y Niñas

There are over 300 million Spanish-speakers in over 20 countries around the world -including the United States. Learning the language at an early age gives children a greater chance to become proficient as well as many lifelong advantages. This is a play-based program that will introduce children in grades 2 – 4 to conversational Spanish and to the colorful Latino culture through songs, games, and crafts.

Day: Tuesday Time: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Dates: 4/10 – 5/15 (5 wks) – no class 4/17

Place: HHES Library Instructor: Mikki Durkin

Fee: \$49.00

Horseback Riding Lessons

This course offers basic horse care, grooming, tacking up, and riding skills from beginner to advanced. In case of inclement weather, lessons will be held in an indoor ring. Register with the Parks & Recreation Office, and Brushy Hill Farm will contact you directly to set up a mutually convenient lesson time. These group lessons begin the week of April 23 (or at your convenience) and will last for six weeks, one hour each week. Brushy Hill Farm is located in Southbury, just 13 minutes from the flagpole in Newtown. Directions are available at the Parks & Recreation Office. Long pants and shoes with heel are recommended. Hard hats will be provided. Fee: \$295.00

Martial Arts for Beginners

Students in grades 2 - 4 will be introduced to martial arts and character development through weekly themes including: laser beam focus, 3 rules of concentration, 20 ways to respect your teacher, coordination, self discipline, self control, physical fitness and more. The basic martial arts skills taught will prepare students to break a board and test for their white belt after the course ends. The purchase of a uniform or T-Shirt to wear in class is optional and must be arranged by visiting Zandri's Martial Arts directly prior to the first class. Contact them at 775-7150.

Day: Friday Time: 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

Dates: 4/27 – 5/18 (4 wks) Fee: \$28.00

Instructor: Zandri's Martial Arts

Place: Huckleberry Hill School – Lower Gym

Fine Tuning for Fifth Grade

Whisconier, here we come! Is your child entering the 5th grade? Then these are the perfect classes to get them started on the right foot. These four 1.5 hour sessions will help reinforce your child's skills in grammar and spelling as well as build good study habits and organizational skills. Julie Oakley has worked in the Brookfield school system as both a substitute teacher and para professional for the past 11 years. For the last four she has worked exclusively at Whisconier Middle School as a para-professional. Last summer she completed the Praxis exam increasing her knowledge of teaching. Class size is limited to 10 students to allow for individual attention.

Day: Wednesday Time: 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Dates: 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22 (4 wks)

Place: Town Hall Meeting Room

Instructor: Julie Oakley Fee: \$85.00